

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is eligible for an annual flu vaccination which is now due.

This vaccination programme is in place to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will not only protect them from flu but will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children, and will be given by a quick and simple spray up the nose.

Your child's flu vaccination will be given in school within the next month.

For specific dates please refer to your school communications (eg. School website, newsletter, noticeboard)

Please complete the attached consent form and return to the school **within 2 weeks** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination you are not required to return the consent form.

If you require further information regarding the vaccine please visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu. This website includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. If your child is not eligible for the live nasal flu vaccine they may be eligible for the inactivated injectable vaccine which can be administered in our community clinics. Last year, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation.

If you have any queries please contact the 0-19 Universal Children's Services Team on 0300 111 1022 (option 4).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please inform 0-19 team immediately if any of the following occurs:

- If your child is unwell or has been off school in the 48 hours prior to vaccination.
- If your child has a temperature the day before or on the day of vaccination.
- If your child has been wheezy in the 48 hours prior to the vaccination session or they have had their asthma medication increased.
- If your child has taken or been commenced on oral steroids in the 2 weeks prior to the vaccination session.
- If your child has been given the vaccination elsewhere.

If you need to inform us of any changes on the day of vaccination please contact your child's school.